उसके लिए इन्कवायरी कमेटी बैठी है । उसको हम थोड़ा सा समय दें और उनसे जो भी सिफारिश आती है फिर उसके बारे में हम गौर करें तो अच्छा है ।

Repatriation of 'Kohinoor' and the 'Peacock throne'

*217. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 617 and Unstarred Question 816 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th December, 1977 and 4th May, 1984 respectively and state:

(a) whether Government have held talks with the Governments of the UK and Iran to bring back 'Kohinoor' and the 'Peacock Throne' respectively; and

(b) if so, what is the response of the Governments of the UK and Iran in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

SHRI M. KADHARSHA: I am not able to get anything from the reply which just says, 'No'. Don't the Government think it is proper to take up the matter with the concerned Governments? If not, why not?

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: This Question has been answered many times. The policy in this regard was laid down by our first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, as far back as 1956. He categorically took the view. And, Sir, that view prevailed and that was the decision in the case of objects like this and we should not take up this matter with the other Governments. There are only two cases where some sentimental value is attached.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO: Is the Question Hour over, Sir?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, the Question Hour is over.

SHRI P.V. NARSIMHA RAO: All right.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Danger to Qutab Minar

*201. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to some tragedy in the recent past the Qutab Minar was closed for the tourists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to the closure of the Qutab Minar, there had been an accumulation of a lot of dirt and insects inside the Minar;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is no proper maintenance and cleanliness inside the monument;

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to save this very important monument in the capital from decay; and

(e) whether Government propose to reopen this monument for the visitors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) No, Sir.